

1 ~~7~~. (Thrice Amended) A method for processing requests for products comprising the steps, performed by a processor, of:

E1 storing in a database a set of bundle codes, each bundle code indicating at least two products offered by at least two different providers;

receiving a request identifying a customer and including a bundle code;

converting a portion of the received request into at least one specifically - formatted provisioning request for each provider based on the received bundle code; and

providing the provisioning requests to the providers to initiate a product supply process by each provider.

2 ~~8~~. (Amended) The method of claim ~~7~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein the converting step includes the substep of:

deciphering the bundle code to identify the providers for the products.

11 ~~22~~. (Thrice Amended) A billing controller for processing requests for products comprising:

E2 a database configured to store a set of bundle codes, each bundle code indicating at least two products offered by at least two different providers;

a receiver configured to receive a request identifying a customer and including a bundle code;

a converter configured to convert a portion of the received request into at least one specifically-formatted provisioning request for each provider based on the received bundle code; and

a component configured to provide the requests to the providers to initiate a product supply process by each provider.

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<sup>12</sup> ~~23~~. (Twice Amended) The billing controller of claim <sup>11</sup> ~~22~~, wherein the converter includes:

a decoder configured to decode the bundle code to identify the providers for the products.

<sup>21</sup> ~~37~~. (Four Times Amended) A computer program product containing instructions for causing a data processor to perform a method, the method comprising:

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storing in a database a set of bundle codes, each bundle code indicating at least two products offered by at least two different providers;

receiving a request identifying a customer and including a bundle code;

converting a portion of the received request into at least one specifically-formatted provisioning request for each provider based on the received bundle code; and

providing the provisioning requests to the providers to initiate a product supply process by each provider.